

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
SPECIAL MEETING
July 27, 2004
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The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida met in Special Session with Chairman Sauls presiding. Present were Commissioners Rackleff, Grippa, Winchester, and Thaell (Commissioners Maloy and Proctor were not present). Also present were County Administrator Alam and County Attorney Thiele. The meeting convened at 2:45 p.m.

Chairman Sauls announced that Commissioner Maloy previously told her that he would not be attending this meeting.

Attorney Thiele explained that this is an Attorney-Client meeting under Provision 286.011 (a) that allows an attorney-client meeting to be held with regard to strategy sessions on pending litigation matters. He explained that he has advertised this meeting in accord with Florida Statutes so the Board can discuss, with its counsel, two pending matters: *Stephen Dodson v. Leon County Case No. 03-CA-1430* and *Commissioner Rudy Maloy v. Board of County Commissioners, Circuit Court Case No. 03-CA-2949*.

In accordance with the Statutes, County Attorney Thiele stated that he is to identify on the record when the Board goes to a closed session, when they resume and the estimated time for the meeting. He announced that the following people were present and would be present behind closed doors: County Administrator Parwez Alam, Chairman Jane Sauls, Commissioner Tony Grippa, Commissioner Bob Rackleff, Commissioner Dan Winchester, Commissioner Cliff Thaell, County Attorney Herb Thiele, and Special Counsel of record for the two cases, Andrew Burns. He further announced that the time was 2:45 p.m. and the parties would move to the fifth floor conference room. It is estimated that the closed-door meeting would last until 4:00 p.m. After the closed door meeting, the parties will reopen in the Chambers and conclude the Attorney/Client meeting in its entirety.

Commissioner Grippa inquired if Commissioner Maloy would be entitled to attend the closed-door meeting and if he was entitled to see the work product from the closed-door meeting. County Attorney Thiele responded that Commissioner Maloy could attend the meeting, but opined that since this involves the two lawsuits, Commissioner Maloy would not be allowed to have the work product or discuss the item. Mr. Thiele stated that his recommendation is that Commissioners and others attending the meeting keep all of the discussion to themselves and not discuss the meeting outside of the meeting until the litigation is concluded. Also the transcription of the proceedings would not be accessed until the two cases are concluded. Once the Board is in the closed-door meeting, Mr. Thiele recommended that no one enter or leave the closed-door meeting.

See attached legal advertisement:

The Board adjourned the meeting and moved to the Attorney-Client meeting in the fifth floor conference room in closed-door session at 2:45 p.m.

The Board returned to the Chambers at 4:22 p.m. and the County Attorney announced that the Attorney-client meeting was concluded and the following were back in the Chambers: Chairman Jane Sauls, Commissioner Rackleff, Commissioner Grippa, Commissioner Thaell, Commissioner Winchester, County Administrator Alam, and County Attorney Thiele.

The meeting adjourned at 4.23 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST:

Bob Inzer
Clerk of the Circuit Court